

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) joined Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) and other House colleagues in speaking out against President Bush’s request for \$87 billion in additional spending for post-war Iraq. The following is Rep. Stark’s statement:

“President Bush’s approach to post-war Iraq has been an absolute failure,” said Rep. Stark. “The Administration doesn’t know what they’re doing. They don’t have a plan to fix the mess they’ve created and bring our troops home. Yet they want to spend billions on ongoing operations there without any accountability to the American people.”

“We do have a responsibility to help the people of Iraq rebuild and our troops need the resources to safely complete their mission,” Stark said. “But, this funding must be tied to a real strategy for ending our occupation. There must be an accounting of where the Bush Administration has spent all the funds Congress already has provided for this effort. I can’t support the President’s latest attempt to borrow-and-spend in Iraq without answering these fundamental questions,” said Stark.